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MELLORINE AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS
MADE WITH FATS AND OILS OTHER THAN MILK-FAT

DECEMBER 1956

Production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than milk-fat during December was estimated by the Agricultural Marketing Service at 1,605,000 gallons, 2 percent above the December output last year. An extremely sharp drop in Illinois and a moderate decrease in Texas were slightly more than offset by sharp increases in all other important Mellorine-producing states.

The combined 12 monthly estimates for 1956 indicated a record output of 33,345,000 gallons for the year - 1 percent larger than the production during 1955 and 6 percent above the total quantity frozen in 1954.

Mellorine production declined 16 percent between November and December in 1956. Output dropped 20 percent at this season in 1955 and only 7 percent in 1954. Seasonal downturns this year occurred in all Mellorine-producing states and, except for Oregon, were quite pronounced.

Ice cream production during December was estimated at 38,585,000 gallons - a record for the month. This was 3 percent larger than the December output a year ago and 12 percent above the 1950-54 average for the month. A total of the 12 monthly estimates in 1956 indicated an annual production of 650,985,000 gallons - 4 percent more than the 1955 output and 12 percent above the 1950-54 annual average.

Sherbet production for December was estimated at 1,480,000 gallons, or 11 percent larger than the December output in 1955. Production for 1956 as a whole was estimated at 36,050,000 gallons - 3 percent below the 1955 annual total.

United States Production of Mellorine and Other Frozen Desserts
Made With Fats and Oils Other Than Milk-fat, Jan.-December 1956, with Comparisons

Month	1952 *	1953 *	1954 *	1955 *	Estimated 1956	Change 1955 from 1954	Change 1956 from 1955
	Thousand Gallons					Percent	
January	312	1,064	1,503	1,814	1,895	+ 21	+ 4
February	325	1,162	1,995	1,923	2,185	- 4	+ 14
March	428	1,607	2,339	2,732	2,885	+ 17	+ 6
April	567	1,767	2,720	2,789	2,790	+ 3	0
May	1,024	2,201	2,703	3,352	3,455	+ 24	+ 3
June	1,411	3,139	3,623	3,627	3,690	0	+ 2
July	1,629	2,978	3,904	3,717	3,725	- 5	0
August	1,526	2,731	3,622	3,919	3,690	+ 8	- 6
September	1,363	2,582	3,136	3,176	2,855	+ 1	- 10
October	1,090	2,229	2,443	2,409	2,660	- 1	+ 10
November	840	1,464	1,759	1,971	1,910	+ 12	- 3
December	673	1,283	1,632	1,580	1,605	- 3	+ 2
TWELVE MON. TOTAL	11,188	24,207	31,372	33,009	33,345	+ 5	+ 1

* From enumerations.

